



BIOGRAPHY



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COLONEL MICHAEL D. WILLIAMS

Colonel Michael D. Williams is Commander, Fighter Attack Systems Wing, Aeronautical Systems Center, Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. He is responsible for cost, schedule, performance and life-cycle management of the fighter attack portfolio including the F-16, F-15, A-10 and the Combat Systems Squadron, providing horizontal integration among the weapon systems and performing capability planning for the Global Strike Task Force. The colonel is also responsible for organizing, training and equipping the F-35 System Program Office.

Colonel Williams entered the Air Force in 1981 as a distinguished graduate of the Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Virginia. He began his career in weapons system acquisition as a program manager working on the Peacekeeper Intercontinental Ballistic Missile, at Norton AFB, Calif. He then served in the Pentagon, first in the Air Staff Training (ASTRA) program, assigned to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Operations and later, assigned to the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Acquisition), as a Program Element Monitor for Combat Identification. Following Defense Systems Management College, he held numerous positions at Wright-Patterson AFB including two tours in the F/A-22 SPO where he served as an avionics project manager, as executive officer, and finally, as Chief of the Support Systems team. Upon completion of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, he served in the Office of the Secretary of Defense supporting Special Operations. Following this tour, he served on the Joint Strike Fighter program as Deputy for International Programs. He then returned to Wright-Patterson AFB and served initially as Chief of Plans and Integration for the B-2 SPO, and then served as Director of Special Programs, in the Combat Systems Program Office. At the Ogden Air Logistics Center, at Hill AFB, Utah, he served as Director of the Space and C3I Systems Directorate. Returning to Wright-Patterson AFB, he served initially as the F-16 System Program Director before assuming his current command.



EDUCATION:

1981 Bachelor of arts degree in physics, University of Virginia, Charlottesville
1985 Squadron Officers School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
1985 Marine Corps Command and Staff College (correspondence)
1986 Masters of science degree in systems management, University of Southern California, Los Angeles
1989 Program Management Course, Defense Systems Management College, Fort Belvoir, Va.
1992 Air Command and Staff College (correspondence), Maxwell AFB, Ala.
1995 Masters of science degree in national resource strategy and Senior Acquisition Course Graduate, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, Fort McNair, Washington D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. October 1981 – September 1986, project officer, Nuclear Hardness and Survivability, Assistant Chief of Staff, and Chief, Commander's Action Group, Ballistic Missile Office, Norton AFB, Calif.
2. November 1986 – November 1987, Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans and Operations Air Staff Training Program, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
3. November 1987 – July 1988, Chief, Executive Services, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Acquisition), Pentagon, Washington D.C.
4. August 1988 – January 1990, program element monitor, Combat Identification, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Acquisition), Pentagon, Washington D.C.
5. January 1990 – July 1992, manager, Communications, Navigation, Identification Project, and later executive officer, F/A-22 System Program Office, Aeronautical Systems Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
6. September 1992 – May 1993, special assistant, Deputy Chief of Staff for Requirements, Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
7. May 1993 – September 1993, executive officer to the Commander, Aeronautical Systems Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
8. September 1993 – July 1994, Chief, Support Systems Team, F/A-22 System Program Office, Aeronautical Systems Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
9. August 1994 – June 1995, Research Fellow, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, and Senior Acquisition Course, National Defense University and Defense Acquisition University, Fort McNair, Washington D.C.
10. June 1995 – July 1998, assistant, Special Operations Acquisition, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Pentagon, Washington D.C.
11. August 1998 – June 1999, Air Force Director, International Programs, Joint Strike Fighter Program Office, Arlington, Va.
12. June 1999 – September 1999, Chief, Plans and Integration, B-2 System Program Office, Aeronautical Systems Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
13. September 1999 – September 2001, Director, Special Programs, Combat Systems Program Office, Aeronautical Systems Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
14. September 2001 – August 2003, Director, Space and C3I Systems, Ogden Air Logistics Center, Hill AFB, Utah
15. September 2003 – June 2004, Materiel Wing Director (System Program Director), F-16 Systems Program Office, Aeronautical Systems Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
16. June 2004 – present, Director, Fighter Attack Systems Wing, later, Commander, Fighter Attack Systems Wing, Aeronautical Systems Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Defense Superior Service Medal
Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster
Defense Meritorious Service Medal
Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal
Joint Service Achievement Medal
Air Force Achievement Medal
Army Achievement Medal

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

Squadron Officer School Top Graduate 1985

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS:

Acquisition for the 21st Century: The F-22 Development Program; NDU Press, 1999

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	Oct. 2, 1981
First Lieutenant	July 27, 1983
Captain	July 27, 1985
Major	Oct. 1, 1991
Lieutenant Colonel	March 1, 1994
Colonel	March 1, 2000

(Current as of January 2005)